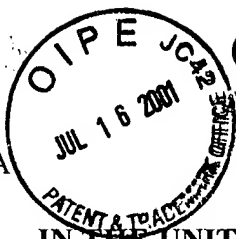


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO INITIAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2000, please amend the above-captioned Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** Claims 1, 6 and 20 so that they read as follows:

a 1. **(Once Amended)** A composition for topical use comprising
greater than approximately 25% L-ascorbic acid, by weight, and
a non-aqueous carrier,
wherein said composition has a pH of greater than that of skin.

g2 6. **(Once Amended)** The composition of Claim 1, wherein said composition
comprises greater than 30% ascorbic acid.

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